



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Education

### Minutes for February 24, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on February 24, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Barnhart, Campbell, Chiarelli, Clark, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, DeVault, Ellington, Garcia, Hamilton, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Statler, Stephens, Toney, Vance, Ward, B., White, Willis

Members absent: Delegates Dittman

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Statler, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

First item on the agenda is HB 2479 Delegate Maynor was asked to speak as the lead sponsor on the bill :

HB 2479 relating to management and control of county authority vested in board was moved to markup and discussion.

Next Item on the Agenda is HB 2164 Vice Chair Statler was called to speak on the bill as the sponsor.

HB 2164 Which allows for public and private schools in West Virginia to employ security personnel. Questions asked for HB 2164 by Miller, Pushkin, Hornby, Clark.

Chairman Ellington asked for any public speakers:

Public speaker James McJuckin MD. asked to change the words may to shall in HB 2164. HB 2164 was advanced to markup and discussion.

Final Item on the agenda is HB 2515 and Chairman Ellington Spoke on the bill.

HB 2515 Relating to elementary behavior intervention and safety. Questions were asked from delegates Pushkin and Hornby

The chair asked for public comment:

HB 2515 Comments were posed from David Gladkasky West Virginia Professional Educators for lines 105 concern for a lack of behavior and intervention center. Questions for Mr. Gladkasky came from delegates Pushkin.

HB 2515 Comments were given by Jim Brown Executive Director for the WV School Board Association for all 55 Counties in West Virginia. Concerns on mental health for the children on their development and removing the students. Voiced concerns on limited space in schools and limited staff to support HB 2515.

Questions came to Jim Brown from Delegates Statler, Pushkin, Willis, Hamilton, Stephens, Ward, Hornby, Chair Ellington, Mallow, Shamblyn.

HB2515 Comments came from Francis Pack from the West Virginia School Social Work Association asking to include intervention for school social workers being added to the bill. Questions were asked of Francis Pack from Delegates Pushkin.

HB 2515 Comments came from Lindsey McIntosh lawyer for Kanawha County Schools. Questions came from Delegates Ellington, Hornby, Pushkin, Vance, Crouse.

HB 2515 moved to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

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Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

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Stephanie Curry

Assistant Committee Clerk